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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

- // Declaration submitted with initial filing
 /X/ Declaration submitted after initial filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e) required)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
2. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DISPOSABLE TEST STRIPS WITH INTEGRATED REAGENT/BLOOD SEPARATION LAYER

the specification of which
 // is attached hereto
 or

- /X/ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **January 12, 1999 as United States Application Number 09/228,855** or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

3. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.
5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(s) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number :
 Country :
 Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) :
 Priority Claimed :
 Certified Copy Attached :

6. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(c) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number :
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7. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or

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PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number : 09/005,710
 Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) : 01/12/98
 Parent Patent Number (if applicable) :

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number : 08/601/223
 Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) : 02/14/96
 Parent Patent Number (if applicable) : 5,708,247

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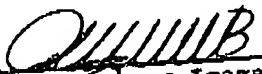
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